

Greenway NAC Meeting – November 19, 2015

Our meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Jim Persey, NAC Chair, at Conestoga Middle School. There were 11 persons in attendance plus our presenters.

7:00 Welcome and announcements. Handout: upcoming community events including leaf drop-offs and many entertainment opportunities for the holidays (see Beaverton City website).

Our next regular NAC meeting will be held the third week of February, February 18th.

7:05 Our minutes for the September NAC meeting (provided as a handout) were approved.

7:10 Beaverton Police Report

Nathan Maycock (17 years on the force) gave the time and place for car seat clinics (11-21 and 12-19) and document shredding (Sat. 12-12 at Sunset Presbyterian Church, 10-1). He discussed the importance of safe driving especially in the rain and dark; he talked about tips to prevent theft in vehicles, and safely receiving packages at your door from mail services, especially for the holidays.

*** Our Station 66 Fire Department was not here for its presentation as they had an emergency during this time.

**** Our THPRD representative was unable to attend tonight to give his report due to illness.

7:25 Presentation on "A Better Oregon" by Alison Uhrlass, a representative of this group. This group is working on an initiative to change the statute that will improve funding sources for education, health, and services to the elderly in our state. They hope to do this by increasing the minimum tax on out-of-state businesses and large corporation grossing more than 25 million. They also favor verbiage in the statute that will greatly increase the minimum wage, and are seeking higher personal income tax brackets. There was good discussion about this initiative, and Alison gave persons the opportunity to sign a petition supporting the initiative.

7:45 Food Pantry at Greenway Elementary School update. Ramona Crocker is coordinating volunteers from our NAC to help with this effort. The Pantry is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 1-3, sorting and shelving the food provided by the Oregon Food Bank then distributing it on Tuesdays. Ann Frainey has attended every session, and Ramona and Cindy Kimble have also begun volunteering. It meets a big need, and more families are expected to start using it.

7:55 Local Land Use.

-Mark Dane Planning Co. is in the planning stages of building 15 townhomes on Hall near Green Lane and the Meeker Townhomes. They will be "shotgun" style, 26' wide by 90' deep. It has many steps to go through to get them approved, but there will be meetings held about this development in which to provide comments/questions.

-The storage units on 125th,(7 -Eleven shopping area) are still on track being planned.

-There is a plan to lower the speed limit on Downing Street.

-We discussed the changing grocery stores in our area (Albertsons to Haggens to....)

8:10 BCCI

-The City website will begin making improvements to make it more usable.

-The Comprehensive Plan is now focusing on housing; a lot of development in this area.

8:15 Old Business: Greenway NAC Potential Projects.

-We talked about seeking a matching grant to provide/build some storage in the local schools for student razor scooters; there is presently no room for them and they are in the way, possibly hazardous.

-We talked about an informational kiosk for our NAC, but it's location is hard to determine for effectiveness. We could possibly use a bulletin board for announcements, such as in the Whole Foods store, where neighbors could see it.

8:20 New Business.

-Elections. We elected Ramona Crocker to be our principal BCCI representative, as Jim has done it many years and was ready to pass on the position; Ramona has been filling the alternate representative role. Our alternate rep. will now be Birgit Miranda. We also elected Brian Walker as Vice Chairman of our NAC, a position he has held before.

-It was brought up that there is resistance to the plans at Vose Elementary's rebuilding of their school next year, because they plan to cut down the two Giant Sequoias guarding the walkway into the school. Those trees have been considered a treasured part of the neighborhood there for many years, and it is felt that there is an alternative to the plans that will allow the trees to remain. Jim will contact our THPRD to let them know we want them to be aware of opposition and see what their knowledge is of this plan.

Our meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

-Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Kimble, Recorder

